

## Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Intersessional meetings | 8-9 June 2017

### World Meteorological Organisation Building, Geneva

### Annotated Programme<sup>1</sup>

#### Thursday 8 June 2017

10:00 1. Opening of the intersessional meetings

Ambassador Thomas Hajnoczi of Austria, President of the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties (16MSP) and Ambassador Stefano Toscano, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) will deliver opening remarks.

2. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Victim Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations on the implementation by States Parties of their victim assistance commitments under the Maputo Action Plan (Actions 12 to 18).

Following the presentation by the Committee, States Parties and organisations that would like to engage with the Committee's preliminary observations will be invited to take the floor concerning the implementation of the Maputo Action Plan.

3. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations on the implementation of Article 5 and on the implementation of the mine clearance actions of the Maputo Action Plan (Actions 8 to 11). Following the introduction of the Committee's preliminary observations, the floor will be granted to delegations as follows:

- A State Party which has recently indicated that it has completed its Article 5 obligations (Algeria) will be invited to take the floor to offer a presentation on the completion of its mine clearance activities;

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<sup>1</sup> Please note: (a) Participants are encouraged to participate actively in discussions on specific topics and to refrain from making statements of a general nature. (b) The intersessional meetings have a flowing agenda implying that if an agenda item ends early we will automatically move into the next agenda item.

- States Parties that have indicated that they will request extensions of their Article 5 deadline for consideration at the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties (Angola, Ecuador, Iraq, Thailand, Ukraine and Zimbabwe) will be invited to take the floor to offer an informal presentation of their request;
- States Parties that have been requested to submit updated work plans in accordance with decisions on their requests will be invited to take the floor to offer an overview of their updated work plans (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Niger and Senegal);
- States Parties that have Article 5 deadlines in 2019 will be invited to take the floor and present on their progress to meet their deadlines (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Serbia, Sudan, United Kingdom);

States Parties and organisations wishing to engage with the preliminary observations will be invited to take the floor.

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 3. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on Article 5 Implementation (continued)

4. Matters related to the mandate of the Committee on the Enhancement of Cooperation and Assistance

During this agenda item the Committee will present on its activities and preliminary observations on the Committee's efforts to strengthen cooperation and assistance and implementation of the relevant actions of the Maputo Action Plan (Actions #19 to #24) through the individualised approach, mapping of challenges faced by States Parties and efforts to improve the functioning of the Platform for Partnership.

Following the presentation by the Committee, the Committee will invite interested States Parties and delegations to take the floor on these matters.

5. Matters related to the mandate on Cooperative Compliance

During this agenda item the Committee will present its activities and preliminary observations and invite relevant States Parties (South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen) to offer updates, in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan (Actions #28 and #29), on the situation in their State, on ongoing investigations and on measures in place to prevent and suppress activities prohibited by the Convention.

18:00 End of the first day

**Friday 9 June 2017**

10:00 6. Plenary discussion: meeting our aspirations of 2025

At the 2014 Third Review Conference, the States Parties adopted the *Maputo +15 Declaration* which emphasizes the aspiration of the States Parties to complete the respective time-bound obligations of the Convention with the urgency that the completion work requires. Meeting our aspirations of 2025 requires a concerted effort and increased cooperation among the key actors. During this interactive thematic discussion a particular focus will be placed on the contribution of operators including their challenges and possible areas of improvement, financial and non-financial.

11:00 7. Matters related to the mandate of the President

a. Universalization

During this agenda item the Presidency will present its activities on universalization, including by giving an update on the activities of the newly established informal Working Group Universalization. The Presidency will then invite interested States not party participating in the meeting to take the floor. The Presidency will then give the floor to interested delegations and organizations to offer updates on any other matter concerning universalisation in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan (Actions #1 to #4).

b. Stockpile destruction

During this agenda item the Presidency will present its activities on matters related to stockpile destruction under Article 4 and on matters related to numbers of anti-personnel mines retained for training and other permitted purposes under Article 3. Following the presentation by the Presidency, the floor will be granted to delegations as follows:

- A State Party which has recently indicated that it has completed its Article 4 obligations (Belarus) will be invited to take the floor to offer a presentation on the completion of its stockpile destruction programme.
- States Parties that have missed their Article 4 deadlines (Greece and Ukraine) will be invited to offer updated information on the implementation of their stockpile destruction commitments in accordance with the Maputo Action Plan (Actions #5 to #7);
- A State Party in the process of carrying out its stockpile destruction activities (Oman) will be invited to present on progress in meeting its stockpile destruction commitments;
- States Parties that have discovered previously unknown stockpiled mines will be invited to take the floor;
- States Parties that have retained anti-personnel mines for training and other permitted purposes will be invited to provide information on the reasons for retaining such anti-personnel mines under Article 3 and plans for the use of these mines.

c. Reporting

The Maputo Action Plan highlights that a dialogue informed by accurate and high quality information can support cooperation and assistance and can accelerate the Convention's implementation. During this agenda item the President will take stock of the situation concerning reporting and will provide an update on the use of the *Guide to Reporting* adopted

at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties.

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 d. Preparations for the Sixteenth Meeting of the States Parties

- i. Presentation of a draft programme of work for the 16MSP (President)
- ii. Update on preparations for the 16MSP (16MSP Secretary-General Designate)
- iii. Presentation on 16MSP financial and organisational matters (UNODA)
- iv. Update on the Sponsorship Programme (Sponsorship Programme Coordinator)
- v. Proposed dates for the Convention's 2018 meetings (President)
- vi. Update on efforts to propose a set of office holders to be elected at the 16MSP (President)
- vii. Discussion (interested delegations)

8. Implementation Support Unit

- i. Update on the activities and finances of the ISU (ISU Director)
- ii. Update on the Pledging conference (President)
- iii. Discussion (interested delegations)

9. Closing remarks (President)

18:00 Intersessional meetings adjourn